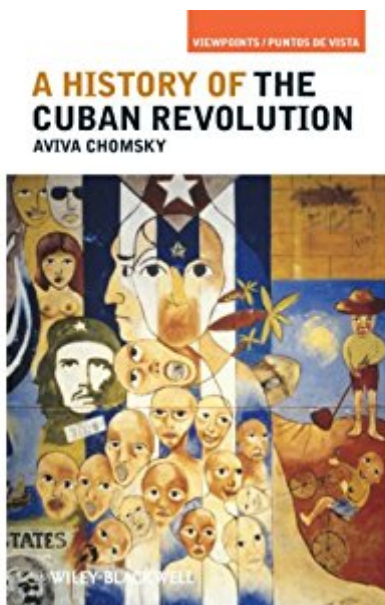


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Synopsis

A History of the Cuban Revolution presents a concise socio-historical account of the Cuban Revolution of 1959, an event that continues to spark debate 50 years later. Balances a comprehensive overview of the political and economic events of the revolution with a look at the revolution's social impact. Provides a lively, on-the-ground look at the lives of ordinary people. Features both U.S. and Cuban perspectives to provide a complete and well-rounded look at the revolution and its repercussions. Encourages students to understand history through the viewpoint of individuals living it. Selected as a 2011 Outstanding Academic Title by Choice.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a really great introduction to the Cuban revolution. For those of you who have never read her, Aviva Chomsky is a great writer and I would highly recommend "The Cuba Reader," which she edited, if you are looking for additional in-depth information on Cuba. In this short book she looks at pre-revolutionary Cuba, the social conditions that brought about the great change, the war itself, and finally the efforts of the Cuban government to create a new society. Chomsky touches on issues of gender and race, although there isn't much writing on sexuality. I feel she is very fair at analyzing the victories and shortcomings of the revolution.

I'm not a history person so my opinion may be biased but this book was a really hard read for me. It jumps all over the place in terms of chronology and it seems like forty percent of the book is quotations. Also, as someone who doesn't speak or read Spanish the constant references to Spanish organizations or phrases with occasional translations was quite annoying.

I thought this book was fairly easy to read. Text-to-speech enabled feature helped me read while working out and getting chores done. This book gave me a clearer, more informed knowledge base of the topic. It serves as a good starting point to begin more in depth research. I feel it looks more towards the Castro-Cuban point of view. Definitely serves to pull me a little out of the estadounidense point of view.... I think I will definitely need to do more research, but now I feel more comfortable looking for resources.(student)

Really well written and approachable book. The author treated the subject for the most part neutrally and connected many of the subjects covered. The only real short fall is that it was short, wish it had a larger and deeper exploration of the subject by the author but as an introductory book into the subject it makes sense and excels at it.

You can give this book, or parts of this book, to an upper level high school class or a community college class and it will help them separate the myths about Cuba that they have grown up with from reality, good, bad and simply complex. The author is/was clearly in favor of the fight against neo-colonialism, but she doesn't get on her high horse and push her POV on you.

I needed this book for my college class and it is great. I bought the used one and it came basically new! Also, the shipping was faster than expected!!! The book gives a great overview and right to the point thus it being a small book!

this book is very well written and is really good for students. I personally like how everything is simply explained. Also I found that this book contained a lot of info about the topic but without being long and boring. props to the writer

Terrific overview of the Cuban Revolution. A must read for anyone traveling to Cuba, trying to understand why Americans are the only people in the world restricted from independent travel in Cuba and why the revolution is admired worldwide. The good is balanced by the excesses, the undemocratic actions and the tragedies that are also the revolution.

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